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Document 1 (JP-A-10-222446) Document 1 discloses an IC card which stores URL information.

Document 2 (JP-A-4-155490) (i) Document 2 discloses that storing the access count per referrer on the IC card in page 3, line 15 of upper right column to line 3 of lower left column, which states:

"In the case the staff ID is correct, customer information and corresponding customer information ID stored in the data memory 23 of the IC card reader 2 are searched. Then, the customer information stored in the IC card 6 is searched by using the customer information ID as a key. When there exists an information to be searched, a reference history information including referrer; referring time, counts, and so on is created by the history data processing part 614 provided on the IC card, then the reference information history is stored on the history data memory 64 (step 109)."

(ii) Document 2 recites,

"loading the reference history information per customer" in page 3, line 9 of lower left column.

(iii) Document 2 discloses storing the "reference history information" with corresponding to "referrer", "referring time" and "counts" in page 3, lines 1 of lower left column, which states:

"a reference history information including referrer, referring time, counts, and so on is created by the history data processing part 614 provided on the IC card"

(iv) Document 2 discloses that loading "reference history information" from the IC card in page 3, lines 7 to 12 of lower left column, which states:


"After the sales staff returns the IC card, a manager of a sales branch office inserts the IC card 6 into the IC card reader/writer 3 which is placed in the branch office and loads the reference history information per customer (step 111). Then, the reference history information loaded by IC reader/writer 3 is sent to the workstation 1 via the network 5 (step 112)."

Document 3 (JP-A-2-116990) Document 3 relates to an IC card having a memory which records the number of times of access of the IC card.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A	5,987,612	11/1999	Takagawa et al.			
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		Document No.	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
	L	02/116990	05/1990	Japan			English Abstract
	M	04-155490	05/1992	Japan			English Abstract
	N	10-222446	08/1998	Japan			English Abstract
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